follows:

<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>:

Please amend the title of the invention to read as follows: --INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD THAT DETERMINES THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A PRINTER CONNECTED TO A NETWORK, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM THEREFOR--.

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 47 and 50, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, and 52 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

---

45. (Twice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a determiner adapted for determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by sending an inquiry about information to the network;

an inquirer adapted for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer connected to the network if said determiner determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

a receiver adapted for receiving information about the printer language

supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

46. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said determiner determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

48. (Twice Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by sending an inquiry about information to the network;

making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said determining step determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

49. (Amended) The method according to claim 48, wherein said determining step determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

- 3 -

51. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium for storing a program for implementing an information processing method, the program comprising:

code for determining a presence or an absence of a printer connected to a network by sending an inquiry about information to the network;

code for making an inquiry about a printer language supported by the printer to the printer connected to the network if said code for determining determines the presence of the printer connected to the network; and

code for receiving information about the printer language supported by the printer, wherein the information about the printer language is sent in response to the inquiry.

52. (Amended) The medium according to claim 51, wherein said code for determining determines a presence or an absence of a new printer connected to the network by inquiring about management information base information to the network.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 10, 2002. Claims 45, 46, 48, 49, and 51-65 are presented for examination, of which Claims 45, 48, and 51 are in independent form. Claims 47 and 50 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, and Claims 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, and 52 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.